

What's New

FY 2014 Exchange Network Solicitation Notice

New this year:

Program Priorities (Section I-E)

- Tier 1 focuses on Phase 2 (e.g., publishing, virtual node, Shared CROMERR Services and Components, integration of new technologies into a partner's information technology infrastructure, implementation of new national data exchanges). Many tier 1 activities also support the implementation of the e-Enterprise initiative.
- Tier 2 focuses on the priorities continuing from Phase 1 (e.g., implementation of the original 10 priority data exchanges, including new RCRAinfo modules and new ICIS-NPDES data families)
- Tier 3 focuses on the remainder of Network-related activities
- Data flow enhancements are no longer a Network priority

Implementation Plan (Section III-B)

- Implementation plan is no longer required for state applicants

Evaluation Criteria (Section V-A)

- Increase in point value for allocating budget by goals

New since FY 2013:

Funding Ceilings / Length of Project Period (Section II-A)

- Maximum funding level for individual applications increases from \$200,000 to \$300,000
- Maximum funding level for partnership applications increases from \$350,000 to \$500,000
- Project period increases from two to three years

Evaluation Criteria (Section V-A)

- Clarifies goals, outputs, and outcomes
- Adds requirement to explain business need that proposed grant project addresses (mandatory 10 point deduction if missing)
- Adds consideration of unspent balances on existing Exchange Network grants to past performance criterion (mandatory 10 point deduction for applicants that have existing grants with excessively high unspent balances)

Threshold Criteria (Section III-B)

- Applicants with five or more active Exchange Network grants as of 1/15/2014 are not eligible to receive an FY 2014 grant